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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO 16 MONTHS
IMPRISONMENT**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOSE CARMELO REYES-YANEZ , 52, a Mexican national, was sentenced to 16 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to being an alien who was found within the United States and who had been previously deported after being convicted of an aggravated felony. This case was the result of a investigation by the Indiana State Police and Immigration and Naturalization Service.

On December 3, 2002, REYES-YANEZ was arrested in Marion County, Indiana, near the airport after a traffic stop. The Indiana State Police had stopped the van REYES-YANEZ

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was driving because it appeared to several citizens to be driving erratically. Upon contact, there were approximately 16 other illegal aliens in the van. REYES-YANEZ had previously been convicted of transporting illegal aliens in the Southern District of California District Court in 1986.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, REYES-YANEZ will be deported following his term of imprisonment.

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